AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of the claims is as follows:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A gliding or rolling board comprising:

a first end and a second end;

a length measured along a longitudinal direction between said first and second ends;

a first edge and a second edge;

a width measured along a transverse direction between the first and second edges;

a gliding surface and a rider support surface;

a height measured between the gliding and rider support surfaces;

at least one reinforcement extending along the board at a predetermined height-wise position;

from the first end to the second end, the board having a first end zone, a central zone, and a second end zone;

in the central zone, at least one of the at least one reinforcement having at least a portion with ~~structure~~ a mechanically weakened structure with respect to a structure of a remainder of the reinforcement.

Claim 2. (*Original*) A board according to claim 1, wherein:

the central zone successively has a first retention zone, a second intermediary zone, and a second retention zone;

the portion having a mechanically weakened structure is positioned in the second intermediary zone.

Claim 3. (*Original*) A board according to claim 1, wherein:

the portion having a mechanically weakened structure comprises a mechanical weakening made by a reduction in quantity of material within the reinforcement.

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) A board according to claim 1, wherein:

the reinforcement has at least one groove, each of the at least one groove having a substantially linear form and being substantially oriented along the longitudinal direction of the board.

Claim 5. (*Original*) A board according to claim 4, wherein:

a fitting demarcates an inside of a groove, the fitting extending opposite the reinforcement and the core.

Claim 6. (*Original*) A board according to claim 4, wherein:

the core has a housing for a fitting, the fitting extending only along the core in order to form a bottom of a groove of the reinforcement by being flush with the reinforcement on the side of the core.

Claim 7. (*Original*) A board according to claim 4, wherein:

a groove of the reinforcement is plugged by a fitting.

Claim 8. (*Original*) A board according to claim 1, wherein:

the reinforcement has at least one groove, the groove reducing the thickness of the reinforcement in the area in which the reinforcement extends.

Claim 9. (*Original*) A board according to claim 8, wherein:

the groove is oriented substantially longitudinally with respect to the board.

Claim 10. (*Original*) A board according to claim 8, wherein:

the groove has a rounded form.

Claim 11. (*New*) A board according to claim 1, wherein:

the mechanically weakened structure of the at least one reinforcement comprises at least one groove extending through a thickness of said at least one reinforcement.

Claim 12. (*New*) A board according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first boot retention zone and a second boot retention zone, said first and second boot retention zones being longitudinally spaced apart;

the mechanically weakened structure being located between the first and second boot retention zones.

Claim 13. (*New*) A board according to claim 12, wherein:

openings extend into the rider support surface in said first and second boot retention zones.

Claim 14. (*New*) A board according to claim 1, wherein:

the board has a sandwich structure including at least a second reinforcement and a core between said one reinforcement and said second reinforcement.

Claim 15. (*New*) A board according to claim 14, wherein:

the core comprises a wood or synthetic foam material.

Claim 16. (*New*) A snowboard comprising:

a first end and a second end;

a length measured along a longitudinal direction between said first and second ends;

a first edge and a second edge;

a width measured along a transverse direction between the first and second edges;

a gliding surface and a rider support surface;

a height measured between the gliding surface and the rider support surface;

an upper reinforcing layer, a lower reinforcing layer, and a core between the upper and lower reinforcing layers;

from the first end to the second end, the snowboard having a first end zone, a central zone, and a second end zone;

a first contact line and a second contact line, the snowboard having a central zone between the first and second contact lines;

at least in the central zone, at least one of the upper and lower reinforcing layers having a portion with a mechanically weakened structure with respect to a structure of a remainder of the one of the upper and lower reinforcing layers.

Claim 17. (*New*) A snowboard according to claim 16, wherein:

the mechanically weakened structure comprises said portion of said one of the upper and lower reinforcing layers having a thickness that is not uniform along the width of the surfboard.

Claim 18. (*New*) A snowboard according to claim 16, wherein:

said one of the upper and lower reinforcing layers has a thickness between upper and lower surfaces thereof;

the mechanically weakened structure comprises said portion of said one of the upper and lower reinforcing layers having a groove extending completely through said thickness.

Claim 19. (*New*) A snowboard according to claim 18, wherein:

said groove extends lengthwise along the length of the surfboard.

Claim 20. (*New*) A snowboard according to claim 18, wherein:

said groove has a length of at least 5 centimeters.

Claim 21. (*New*) A snowboard according to claim 18, wherein:

said groove has a length of between 5 and 50 centimeters.

Claim 22. (*New*) A snowboard according to claim 16, further comprising:

a first boot retention zone and a second boot retention zone, said first and second boot retention zones being longitudinally spaced apart;

the mechanically weakened structure being located between the first and second boot retention zones.

Claim 23. (*New*) A board according to claim 22, wherein:

openings extend into the rider support surface in said first and second boot retention zones.

Claim 24. (*New*) A board according to claim 16, wherein:

the core comprises a wood or synthetic foam material.